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Business Slack At Fairs: Biggest Post-War Crowds

High Prices For 'Long Life' Plant

For "something red-something Chinese" hundreds of people have been thronging the Southern Playground, Wanchai, in the last few days for the Chinese New Year, the third since Liberation Day.

The usual pre-war New Year shoppers were absent—at least yesterday. The crowd trickled in throughout the day, gathering in force towards the evening when the multi-coloured lights transformed all the crimson-lettered stalls and rainbow-hued flowers (natural or artificial) into a kaleidoscopic spectacle.

Some 400 stalls are displaying the goods for the Chinese New Year. The goods are displayed in the courtyard of the Southern Playground. The goods are displayed in the courtyard of the Southern Playground. The goods are displayed in the courtyard of the Southern Playground.

The "Fatchoi" (Long Life) plants congregated in one corner of the playground were the main attraction, as was apparent from the crowd around them. Prices ran from \$1,500 to \$5,000. One stall displaying a diminutive full-grown "Peach" tree, standing in a 6-12 inch rectangular pot, attracted a never-ending flow of the curious. The tree, reaching to nearly two feet, has aged branches spreading from its half-decayed trunk.

An inconspicuous spectacle was the sprinkling of foreign goods. In one candy stall, Baby Bats were prominently displayed among local sweets. English and American-made drugs could be seen at one medicine stall. There were some stalls with European toys and clothing for sale, while beside them lay the Chinese "toys."

Bad Weather

A veteran told the "China Mail" that this year, "Fatchoi" plants did not bloom well, owing to the uncertainty of the weather. Last year's continuous cold period brought out a good "crop," he said. Business up-to-date, this holder of one of the large plant stalls said "is disappointing." It may be that the people are waiting for the closing time when we are more or less forced to dispose of our stuff cheaper. But last year, the demand was so great that contrary to their expectations, prices went much higher.

The crowd, however, he added, "is better than the last two years. Perhaps today or tomorrow, business will be brisk."

Away from his scene of holiday, street hawkers are doing a roaring trade. Chickens, ducks and fish are selling at the double.

Meat prices are steadily going up. During the past week, preparations for this most important of Chinese festivals have been proceeding apace.

Houses have been given a thorough spring cleaning and new red paper charms, with inscriptions written in gold or black ink, have been pasted up over doors and windows, as well as different parts of the walls in the interior of the house. New pieces of red cloth and other decorations have been placed at the uppermost part of ancestral and other tablets.

Year End Gifts

Chinese women have been busily engaged arranging for the despatch of gifts in season, chickens, wine, melon seeds, confectionery, and other items. These are the customary year end gifts exchanged between relatives and good friends.

In the realm of business, the menfolk have also been exceptionally busy, but their activities have been directed chiefly towards the collection of debts and settlement of outstanding accounts. Any Chinese businessman who is unable to liquidate his debts by New Year's Eve will "lose face" in the eyes of his compatriots.

This evening, a "family reunion" will be held in most homes and all members of a family will make a special effort to be present at the least which will be held.

There is no special ceremony connected with the "family reunion" but it is usual, before the evening feast, to pay respects to

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Kenneth Chan and family of the late Mrs. Chan Ho-shi wish to thank their friends and relatives for their expressions of sympathy, attendance at the funeral and donations to various charities.

Religious Rites

The religious rites consist of the offering of sacrifices to the "God of Heaven," the "Kitchen God" and the "Lord of the Earth" followed by the worshiping of ancestors. These rites will be accompanied with the burning of candles, joss sticks and joss paper.

On conclusion of the religious rites, the family ceremonies begin. The heads of the family are invited to seats of honour and the rest of the household then proceed to offer their felicitations and "kow tow." To each of those who "kow tow" or offer felicitations, a red paper package, containing "lucky money" or "lai see" is given.

After the morning meal, the visiting of relatives and friends is the next item on the programme.

Seniority

Visits between relatives are carried out in accordance with the degree of seniority. It is usual to visit one's relatives on New Year's Day and to leave the visiting of friends to any other day before the middle of the 1st Moon.

When guest and host meet, both will greet each other with exclamations of "Kung Hei Fat Choy" or "See Sz' Yu Yee." These greetings are always accompanied with the gesture of bowing.

After the guest has been seated, the host proffers a cup of plain Chinese tea, melon seeds and other sweetmeats. It is considered very impolite to refuse anything which may be thus offered.

Normally, the duration of a visit does not last for more than ten or 15 minutes. On his departure, a guest again wishes his host all the best during the New Year.

Wait And See In China

Shanghai, Feb. 8. China will adopt a wait and see policy towards the new international tariff agreement reached recently providing for a new tariff rate, according to the "Shun Pan" in a report from Nanking today.

China will only announce a definite attitude after the termination of the third plenary session of the United Nations' Employment and Trade Conference and the ratification of the United Nations' trade charter, the report added.

The Government, meanwhile, is studying the advantages of adhering to the tariff agreement.—Reuter.

AIR TRAFFIC AGREEMENT

Washington, Feb. 7. An Anglo-American agreement whereby the United States will open seven of its leased war bases on British territory to world-wide commercial air traffic is expected to be signed here within the next fortnight, British sources said today.

The agreement will cover Kindley Field in Bermuda and six other Caribbean area bases. The agreement is said to have been approved in principle by the combined Chiefs of Staff.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS NEAR ATHENS

Athens, Feb. 7. Greek guerrillas have attacked two villages, only 20 miles from the centre of Athens, the nearest they have yet come to the capital—the Ministry of Public Order disclosed today. The raiders attacked the guerrillas of the "Hamlet of Phyle" and the "Hamlet of Krousta" and there was a lively engagement in which the guerrillas lost four killed. One commander was killed.—Reuter.



A general view of the Chinese New Year Fair on the Southern Playground in Wanchai. (China Mail photo).

Spending Orgy In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 8. Notwithstanding the economic crisis, Shanghai's five million Chinese are today engaged in the greatest postwar spending orgy to give a fitting welcome to the Year of the Rat or Lunar New Year which begins on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Prices Fall In America

New York, Feb. 7. Flour and pork products fell in price in retail shops throughout the United States today, as direct result of the past three days' depreciation of cotton and commodities on the domestic exchanges.

These declines, flattening out the high cost of living, were most closely linked to the slump in grains on the Chicago Exchange, itself caused by announcements that world grain stocks were not quite so scarce as some traders hoped they would be.—Reuter.

Funeral Of A.E. Obuhoff

A Requiem Service was held at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday for the late Alexander E. Obuhoff. The Rev. Father Uspensky officiated. Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Strick sang hymns at the graveside.

Among those attending were Mrs. Prochorenko, Mrs. Panamereff, Mrs. Lerkovitch, Mrs. Tschin, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Petroff, Mrs. Smirnov and son, Mrs. Jellowsky, Mrs. Uspensky, Mrs. Verigo and Mrs. Kolatshoff, Mr. Sonoloff, and Mr. Levkovitch.

The late Mr. Obuhoff, survived by a son, Paul, and three daughters—Mrs. Olga Pokrovsky (of Hong Kong), Mrs. Natalia Tushoff (of San Francisco) and Miss Alexandra Obuhoff (of Shanghai)—was 85 years of age. A resident of the Colony since 1938, Mr. Obuhoff had written a comprehensive history of the Ural region, which is due for publication in England, pending the completion of the English translation.

ARAB COUNCIL

Cairo, Feb. 7. The Arab League Council meeting today approved an agenda of three items—Palestine, Libya and North Africa. The Council then adjourned. The Political Committee of the heads of the seven national delegations will meet on Monday to discuss these items and later submit a draft recommendation to the Council.—Reuter.

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Lack Of Interest In Kowloon

Waterloo Road between Nathan Road and Canton Road, Prince Edward Road (Tsimshui), resembles more a hawker-alley than a Chinese New Year fair when a "China Mail" reporter visited the two sites yesterday.

In neither area was there more than eight stalls, of bamboo and boards with thatched roofs, completed, despite the fact that all sites have been taken up.

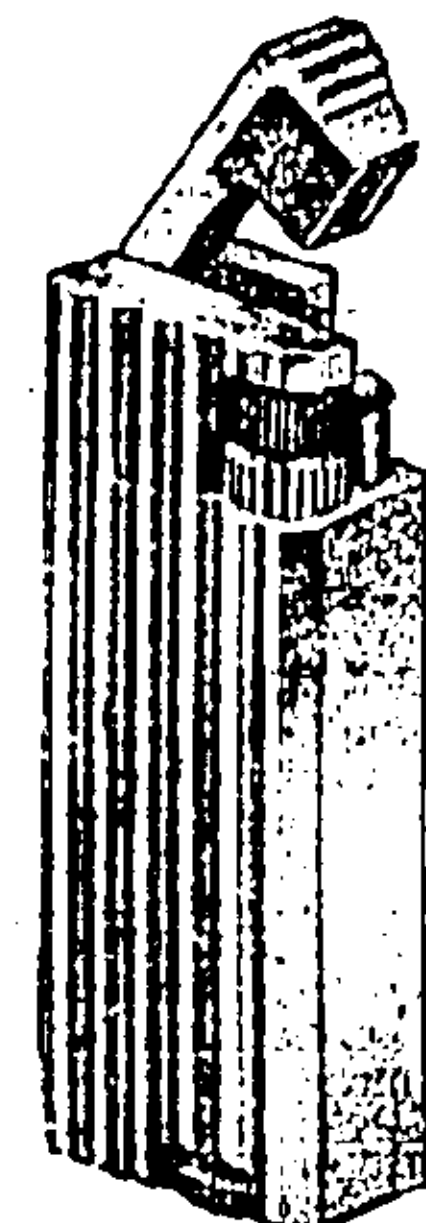
The variety of goods offered was confined to gold fish, flowers (principally "tui chungs"), "joss" paraphernalia, and crockery. There were two or three actual hawkers' stalls selling underwear and outer garments.

At what in former years were the busiest hours—between 10 and 11 p.m.—there were less than a dozen sight-seers and bargain-hunters at Waterloo Road, and about 20 at Prince Edward Road.

One of the stall-holders blamed the lack of interest on the fair on the current tightness of the money market. Another said that bargain hunters were used to scrounging around the Lee Yuen Street area. A third put the blame on the gradual declining interest in New Year fairs.

Yet another lamented the fact that the fairs are confined to out-of-the-way areas which are unknown to the majority of the Europeans and inconvenient to get to so far as shoppers are concerned.

Business, they all agreed, has been far from anything to write home about. And, they further asserted, it does not look up tonight—the last and most important night of the bazaar—there might not be any takers next year.



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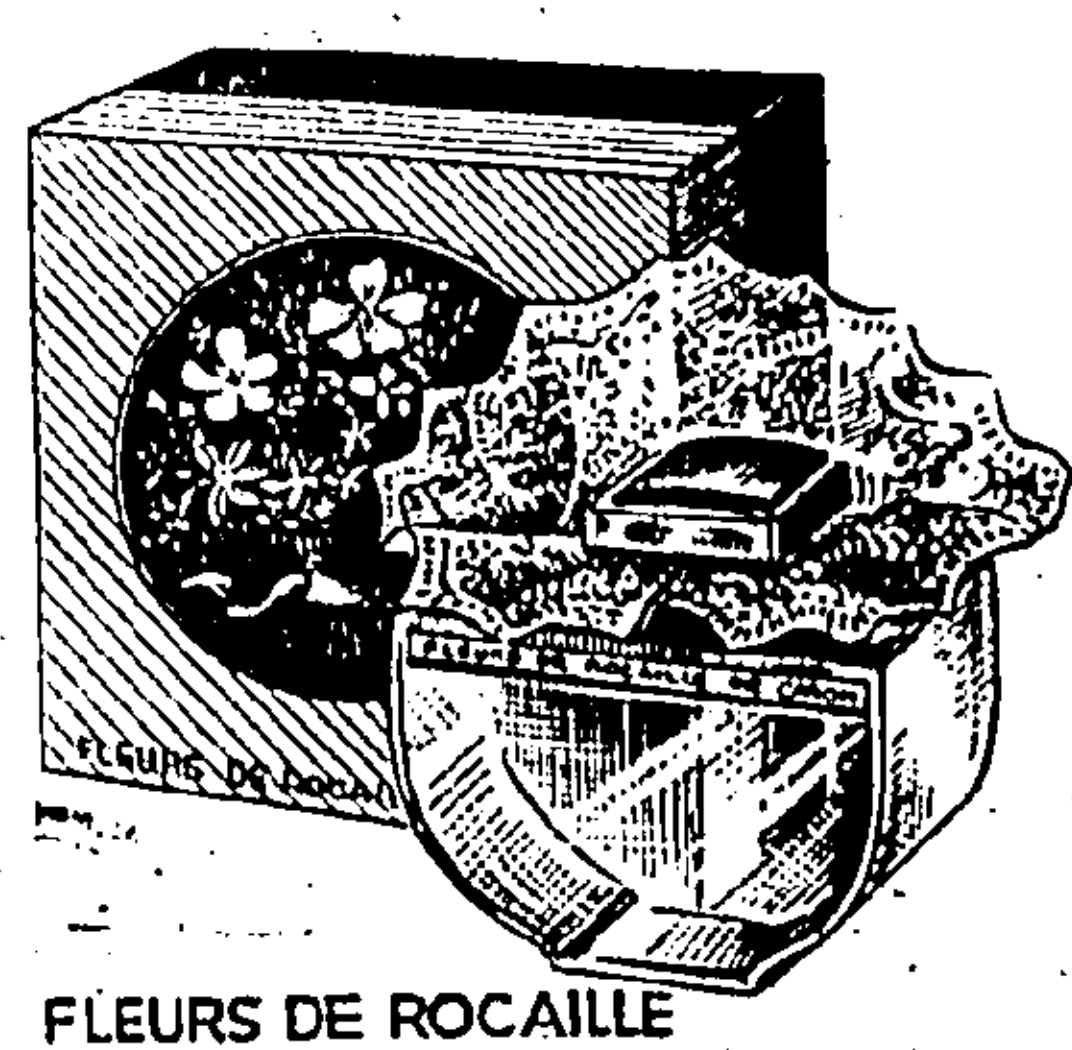
Crown Land Auction, PWD offices, 3 p.m.
Kowloon Cricket Club Chinese New Year Eve Dance, 9 p.m.
Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Services, 6.30 a.m. all Catholic Churches.

Coming Events TOMORROW

Kowloon Cricket Club Chinese New Year Dance, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Tong Club New Year Dance, 8 p.m.
Women's Guild Meeting, Kowloon Union Church, 10 a.m.
Chinese New Year Thanksgiving Services, 7 a.m.—8.30 a.m. Catholic Churches.
Interpret Football: Hong Kong v. Shanghai, Club ground, Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.
Annual Cricket Match: Combined Services v. Colony.

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ARABS SET "D-DAY" DATE Coordinated Frontal Attack To Be Made On Palestine Next Sunday? Jews Look To The U.S.A. For Help

Jerusalem, Feb. 7.
Arab military leaders have set February 15 as "D-Day" for coordinated frontal attacks on the Jews of Palestine, it was reliably learned today.
Leaders have met in the past few days with the Mufti, Haj Amin Hussein, and Iraqi and Syrian chieftains in Damascus to complete plans for an all-out raid to thwart partition. Details of the attacks have not been learned, but the source added, "they will all be geared and timed together."

Abd al-Kader Bey Hussein, Commander of the Palestine Arabs south of Nablus, returned Friday to his headquarters in a small village near Ramallah, north of Jerusalem. District commanders are being called in today to receive instructions.

It is believed that Fawzi Bey Kaudji, who will command all Arabs north of Nablus, is arriving during the weekend at his headquarters in the hills south of Jenin, to coordinate his forces for frontal attacks on settlements and villages.

"Dress rehearsals" have been held and are ordered to train Arabs in the ways of attacking Jewish settlements and villages. Jews are engaged in offensive warfare, are cordoning those settlements and villages, but are frankly admitting some will be lost unless help comes.

Many thousands of Jews are still confident America will send men, money and munitions to preserve the Jewish state, it took the lead in creating.

Arabs too, still regard it as a possibility but add that America's once considerable prestige in the Middle East is at such a low ebb now that further "pro-Jewish" interference would be of little consequence.

Numbers of the opposing forces (counting only trained and organized troops) are now about 30,000 Jews to 20,000 Arabs ready for an immediate call-to-battle. Back of them are reserve forces of possibly 50,000 Jews and 100,000 Arabs with guns.

From beyond Palestine's borders the Arabs hope for their main military strength.

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Spanish Frontier To Open

Paris, Feb. 7.
The reopening of the Franco-Spanish frontier, closed since February 28, 1946, was approved by the French Cabinet today.
A Foreign Office communiqué stated the resumption would take place in the following stages:

February 10—Normal passenger transport, postal, telegraph and telephone communications will be resumed.

March 1—Traffic for goods in transit will be resumed.
The two Governments, the communiqué added, have decided to open immediate negotiations "to settle the commercial and economic relations between them."

Earlier, a Cabinet spokesman had said goods traffic would be resumed 15 days after the resumption of passenger traffic, but the Foreign Office explained later that this was intended to refer to March 1.—Reuter.

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Only Russia Would Gain Anything

Montreal, Feb. 8.
Russia is the only power that stands to gain from a conflict arising over the partition of Palestine, Charles Issawi, attached to the Arab Office in Washington, told the Canadian Club.—Associated Press.

Norwegian Herrings Sent Back

Great Yarmouth, Feb. 7.
A number of cases of Norwegian herrings landed at Great Yarmouth are being shipped back after being condemned at the port.

They formed part of one of the cargoes being sent to Britain under a contract for 300,000 cwt. of herrings between the Norwegian Government and the Ministry of Food.

The poor condition of part of the consignment was stated by an importer handling them to be due to insufficient ice in the packing and the bad weather in the North Sea, which had delayed the ships.

The herrings returned to Norway will probably be used for meal and oil.—Reuter.

Partition Commission Serves Notice

Lake Success, N.Y., Feb. 7.
The Palestine Partition Commission served notice today that Britain must protect police arms and ammunition in the Holy Land until the United Nations take them over.

The five-member commission at a closed meeting in UN headquarters expressed disapproval with Britain's decision that the large stores, which include machine guns and armoured cars, simply will be left for the Commission when the members assume control. This was announced to the UN group today.

The Commission also formally requested the British Government to agree to preparatory steps looking toward establishment of Jewish and Arab militia in the projected countries.

Part of the meeting was taken up with a study of a special report from the Commission to the Security Council on the need for an armed force to carry out the partition of the Holy Land which was approved by the UN Assembly last November. The members ordered some drafting changes and decided to consider a third draft on Monday.

Persons familiar with the Commission session said members considered it urgent to rush this report to the Council, which must eventually decide on the makeup of any international force, or, in fact, whether such a force shall be created.

Senator Vicente Francisco, of the Philippines, reported to the Commission on talks with the British on the disposition of the arms, supplies and equipment of the Palestine Police force, which will be liquidated when the British terminate the mandate about May 15 or earlier.—Associated Press.

Polish Coal Exports To Scandinavia

Warsaw, Feb. 7.
Poland will export more coal to Scandinavia than to the Soviet Union in 1948.

The recent economic pact signed between Poland and the Soviet Union provides for exports of Polish coal to Russia limited to 6,500,000 tons, payable in German goods delivered to Russia as reparations.

Denmark, Finland and Norway will import over 3,000,000 tons of Polish coal in 1948. Sweden, according to a special protocol between the two countries, will receive 4,000,000 tons.

A new trade treaty between Sweden and Poland is due to be discussed here in March.

Exports to Danubian countries will amount to at least 2,500,000 tons, mainly to Austria. Western Europe will receive about 3,500,000 tons. This will go principally to Italy, France, Holland and Switzerland.—Reuter.

Conflicting American Interests

Washington, Feb. 7.
Middle East oil, on the one hand and the Jews of the United States on the other were today reported to have caused a split among President Truman's closest policy advisers.

Reliable sources here said the Administration was undecided whether to put its weight behind the United Nations partition plan or to sit on the fence and do nothing.

The 4,000,000 Jews, whose votes will be sought in November, are an important factor in this question.

One side within the Cabinet was said to back partition to ensure the Jewish vote in New York and the other heavily populated Jewish areas, while the other side, reportedly led by Mr. James V. Forrestal, the Secretary of Defence, was said to favour breaking with the United Nations decision for the sake of the oil of the Middle East.

Mr. Charles G. Ross, the President's Press Secretary, asked about this, said today: "No comment."—Reuter.

Malays Jump Ship

Sydney, Feb. 7.
The police are searching Sydney today for four Malays, who "jumped" the 1,108 tons "Westralia," just before she sailed.

They were members of the group of 14 Malays who married Australian girls and settled in Australia during the war and who were ordered for deportation as prohibited immigrants by the Australian Government last year.

A fifth Malay, Ramlee Bin Tgee, whose permission to stay here until June 30 was cancelled last month, was told at the last minute that he could remain but he was unable to say why.

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CHAN—On 7th February 1948, at the Po Sang Maternity Home, to Flory, wife of Mr. Geo. Y. K. Chan, again a girl.

YEAR OF THE RAT

Throughout Hong Kong tomorrow the Chinese community will be heard exchanging the salient greeting of "Kung Hay Fat Choy"—"Happiness and Good Fortune!"—the Chinese calendar leaves the Year of the Pig and enters the Year of the Rat. The new lunar year marks the beginning of the 12-animal cycle which ends with the Pig and is thus an important one in Chinese minds. Many, in traditional style, will offer up prayers for peace, prosperity and an end to human misery.

The lunar year begins tomorrow and before then everyone tries to pay up his bills or lodge his creditors. There will be little sleep for most of the night, as fireworks—banned in Shanghai as an austerity measure—and the clanging reverberations of gongs see out the old year and see in the new.

The prayers for peace and prosperity will be echoed with even stronger force in China, where the old year's ending on a note of violence. The economic front, the civilian front and the military front all present a depressing picture.

On the economic front, though there is no lack of explanations or of plans, the all-important factor is the price of rice. It is shooting upwards and making it impossible for the poorer classes to get enough to eat. While a few Chinese dress in silk and satins, and come down to Hong Kong to ride in omnibus-like American cars, many in all parts of China are dying from exposure and starvation. The number of deaths is on the increase.

On the military front, the picture is equally gloomy. The latest despatches from the Manchurian front speak of a situation that is growing worse, not improving. Liaoyang, the Government's stronghold south of Mukden, has fallen after five days and nights of fierce fighting and heavy casualties. Anshan, "steel capital" of China, and Yingkou (better known as Newchwang) are both threatened. The former is surrounded and its water supplies have been cut off. The Nationalists have been able to throw off Chinese Communist attacks on Chinchow, but the position of that major city is still precarious.

On the civilian front, the key note this week has been one of violence in Shanghai. Riots, strikes and demonstrations have resulted in the deaths of three women and an assault on the Mayor. There have been suggestions that martial law might be imposed if more trouble occurs.

In the incident in which Mayor K.C. Wu was injured, mounted police were used, according to the demonstrating students, who say that many of their number were injured and that a large number are still in hospital as a result of excessive police violence. Eighteen students were expelled from Tungchi University, where a demonstration was staged, and scores of others have been "asked to leave."

The situation in Shanghai is completely under control at the moment. But the atmosphere is still tense, with special teams of police and garrison troops combing the city for underground Communist elements known to be infiltrating into Shanghai and concentrating on the lower-paid ranks of labourers and the students. Both groups are understandably discontented and easily swayed by clever propaganda.

The sole ray of sunshine is provided by the United States aid programme. The Chinese are dubious, but hopeful, that aid from an outsider may yet help to improve conditions in their country in this, the Year of the Rat.

A LONDON LETTER

By
Glanville Carew

London, Jan. 26.
Whatever may be the merits and demerits of our present Government—which qualities are variously valued according to the political point of view of the valuer—it can hardly be denied by anyone that it is doing its level best, according to its lights, for the good of the country.

A Bill has been brought before Parliament which will be read for the second time on February 10. It is the "Children's Bill" and it is estimated that at this time there are about 125,000 youngsters in England and Wales and about 13,500 in Scotland who will be protected by it when it comes into law, as it can hardly be doubted that it very soon will do, substantially in its present form.

For the genesis of the new Bill we need not go back to the beginning of our poor laws which are soon to be abolished. To do so would take us back more than four-and-a-half centuries. For the moment we need go back only about as many years to a day when a little helpless boy-child died.

The boy, was "on the Parish" and in circumstances which at the very least showed that he had been neglected by Bumble. He had been boarded out by the local authorities of one country by way of similar authorities in another. After having been swapped about from pillar to post, his last abode was with a morose farmer and his not over-intelligent wife. The boy died from sheer neglect and some ill-treatment and a doctor who had been called made a fuss. It was disclosed that the foster-parents were utterly unsuitable and that the most casual enquiry in a neighbouring village would have disclosed that fact to the authorities concerned.

Deep Anger
The case excited widespread and deep anger that such a state of things as was disclosed was possible in modern England. The foster father was sent to penal servitude; the public approved the sentence but retained its own opinion about the authorities; various officials of the two Counties who had, during the boy's lifetime and after, skillfully passed the buck "within the law" were not very high commended.

The matter was not allowed to rest and the Government appointed a carefully selected Committee to enquire into and report on the general condition of things and the actual administration of the law relating to neglected children. The Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Myra Curtis, head of Newnham College for women near Cambridge, after exhaustive investigation, sent in its unanimous report and recommendations which have been accepted practically in their entirety. Hence the present Bill.

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100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

We have been trading with this bigoted and exclusive people for a period of 200 years. In exchange for a worthless and innoxious herb, British enterprise has caused a tide of wealth to flow in upon these shores unexampled in the records of any other. Our peculiar taste has given employment to this people and stimulated their industry—created their commerce and replenished their exchequer—and raised them from the condition of a mere agricultural race into one of the greatest trading nations of the world.

And how has this Government, thus bolstered by the bounty of British trade, and this people enriched and regenerated by it, repaid the priceless boon?

Why, thus—at the end of two hundred years of this productive intercourse—years marked by murder and insult and every contrivance of oppression on their part, and by gentleness and forbearance unexampled on ours, they still keep us shut up at the old seat of trade, like cattle in the pens of Smithfield, or, if we venture to stroll out peacefully and inoffensively on a Sabbath afternoon, they hunt us down like dogs—they sit in judgment upon us for the crime—and doom us to slow torture and to death for transgressing the limits of our prison house by three miles!

The North would, but for the reasonable interposition of a master mind, have rivalled the South in this senseless intolerance of the foreigner. Even there, three of the most unoffending and peaceable of men, for venturing a day's journey beyond their homes, were whipped with chains and left for dead by a brutalized and unruly populace.

of receiving into their care any child in their area under the age of 17 who has no parents or guardians, or has been abandoned or lost, or whose parents or guardians are prevented by incapacity or any other circumstances from providing for the child's proper accommodation, maintenance and upbringing. This duty is laid upon the County Councils and must be exercised when it appears to the local authorities that their intervention is necessary in the interests of the child.

The duty of the authorities to keep a child in its care will normally last until the age of 18 is reached and welfare requires it and in appropriate cases the authority will have a power to take over the parents' rights. Such cases will arise when parents are unknown, or are neglectful, vicious criminals and so on.

The great virtue of the Bill is that its purpose is to substitute humane, humane and affectionate personal relations with the children in place of cold and routine officialdom. The whole tenor of the Bill shows that it is realised that there is no real equivalent in childhood for even a poorish home with parents and it endeavours as far as is possible to make good the lack of real home life.

To that end Children's Committee are to be appointed by each local authority concerned.

DOLLARS IN THE NICK O'TIME

Twenty five years ago almost to the day the fascist march on Rome started events which for more than two decades held Italy under a dictator's sway. Today, with the memory only of the advantages that accrued to the people during that period, there is undoubtedly throughout Italy a sympathy for the past regime which in its more public forms leads to the exhibition of banners, memorial dinners commemorating the birth of fascism, and secret masses for its founder.

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plight to which fascism brought the country but of their conviction that the Duce would have found a way out. The chief mechanic at the garage I frequent is sure that fascism will return in three years; the proprietor at the little trattoria where I occasionally go for meals sighs sadly as he sees the stream of beggars that daily supplement his customers and remarks that they never had beggars on the streets under fascism. So many of the "little men" talk of the days of fascism, when so much less money would buy so much more, when there was always something for a holiday and when large families were encouraged and not an incubus.

This general discontent is a breeding ground for both neo-fascism and communism, and both are exploiting it. The Communists, strongly organized, have made the most of the present day situation, using the weapon of the strike to force up wages in the vicious spiral of price chasing, and are practically a hundred per cent strong in the trade unions.

The Fascists
But what of the fascists, whose activities necessarily have to be much more hidden? In Naples, where the march on Rome was planned at the famous San Carlo opera house, there is a strong nucleus of fascists, but it is in the north, particularly in Milan and Genoa that the fascists are probably strongest. Among those faithful to the Mussolini memory here is the well kept secret of where lies the body of the Duce. Periodically there are rumours that it is in this place or that, in this country or that, but where it is really hidden no one outside the fascist circle knows for certainty.

By law the Italian police are authorized to dissolve any party "resembling or seeking the revival of fascism" but the Italian Socialist movement, avowedly fascist in its programme, has made rapid strides since its entry into the crowded (or perhaps overcrowded) is a better

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Monocled Leader
The Uoment Qualunquisti—the Common Man's party—have more than a little of fascism about it and seemed likely to sweep the country twelve months ago. It gained tremendous popularity while its leader and founder, fat, monocled, Guglielmo Giannini, ranted against the established order of things, but its decline—for it is now no more than a group of warring sections—was due to the fact when its destructive criticism ended the party's programme ended. "Not to the right nor the left, but straight ahead!" said Giannini when asked his programme and stayed not to explain what he meant. A colleague of mine suggested that he didn't stay because he had no programme beyond that remark and events have proved that to be right. But his policy, such as it was, brought his party to second place in the Rome elections a year ago and boasted the sale of his paper Buon Senso (Good sense) up to over a million copies daily, a circulation unheard of before among Italian newspapers.

If American aid is felt by the man in the street before the spring national elections, it is more than likely that de Gasperi's Christian Democrat party will continue in office and both Communism and Fascism will be kept at bay. "Marshall aid" will have come in the nick of time.

and each such Committee must appoint a woman Children's Officer who must be approved by the Home Office and who will be required to know personally every child in her area. She must in practice be their mother and if it can be avoided the youngsters must not suspect that official machinery is at work.

At the present time 60 young women are taking a year's University course to prepare them for supervision of Children's Homes and boarding-out places and 100 women have been selected as house mothers.

Good Intentions

The Act does well in its intentions, the result will depend upon the staff. As one newspaper puts it:

"If the service is recruited from women who will regard it as no more than a wage-earning routine the Act will be dead from the beginning, but if the right kind of women are found who will come to it with a sense of vocation and with the love of children in their hearts they can make an inestimable contribution to social health."

That is indeed so. The whole working of the act is to be controlled and closely watched by the Home Office. If it can eliminate the horse-faced, hard mounted, self assertive, domineering type of woman who is likely to be found in all well-face schemes and who seems to believe that she is divinely appointed to enforce "welfare," and if the Home Office can replace them by kindly competent women of good will, thus after long years of trial and error under bad poor laws the Act should for ever lay the ghosts of the "Bumble and Oliver Twist."

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"My old lady'll probably want me to fill in her entry in this contest—she can't say nothin' in just fifty words!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

STRING NOT REQUIRED

In explaining the operation of a squeeze to less experienced players, most veterans set up a situation in which the declarer runs a long string of cards in some one suit, the last of which puts the pressure on the unfortunate opponent. A succession of tricks in one suit is not fundamental to a squeeze, however. The squeezing trick may be preceded by almost any kind of series of tricks, including a cross-suit. It may be a bit harder to note the chance for a squeeze in such circumstances, but the play itself is exactly the same, no matter what preceded it.

S. K. Q J 9 4
H. K. 10 4 3
D. 6
C. K 5 2
S. A 6 3
H. 8 7 6 2
D. K J 10
C. 5 3
C. 10

S. None
H. A Q J
D. Q 8 7 2
C. J 9 8 7
S. 10 8 7 2
H. None
D. A 9 4
C. A Q 6 4 3
(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 S
2 D 1 S 4 H 4 S
5 H 5 S Pass 6 S
10 H 10 H

Did you ever see more bidding activity by all four players on a deal which came so close to getting passed out? Note that South, who opened, had only two and a half standard high card tricks. You can't very well blame West for doubling, since a good defense was in sight with a singleton opening, the A to stop the run of trumps, then a chance to put in

partner in with a heart. That is, you can't blame him for being tempted to double, but a sounder player would have refrained because the odds were so great as to what the double could win or lose.

North's redouble was an example of fine card-playing to judge his partner's heart shortage and an expression of confidence in South. It proved justified. The club lead ran to the A, spade 2 was led to the A and the heart return was ruffed, whereupon West's own heart was in his mouth. The spade 7 was led to the 9, a second heart ruffed, the diamond A scored, a first diamond ruffed, a third heart ruffed, the second diamond ruffed and spade K laid down. Dummy also held the heart K and club K-5, South the club Q-6-4-3 and East the heart A and club J-9-8. The heart A discard would set up the K, so he threw off the club 8. Then the club K, Q and 6 took the last three tricks for a very neat squeeze.

Tomorrow's Problem:
S. K Q
H. 9 6 3 2
D. A 9 8 6
C. Q 7 5
S. 3 7 6
H. A Q J
D. K 10 7
C. J 10 9
C. A K 4
S. A J 10 5 4 3 2
H. K 10
D. Q 4
C. 6 2
(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

What two plays can South combine to make 4 Spades after West leads the club K, then the spade 8?

AMERICANS IN PLOT TO BOMB CITY

Washington, Feb. 7.
Six Americans, including two former RAF pilots and a US Air Force captain, have been arrested in connection with a plan to bomb a South American country from surplus war planes as part of a revolutionary plot, the FBI announced today.

The country was not identified by the FBI, but presumably it was Venezuela and the city to be bombed Caracas, the capital.

The FBI charged five of them with violating the Neutrality Act by flying two surplus four-engine B-24 "Liberator" bombers from Bush Field, Georgia, to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, earlier this week.

The pilots, Capt. Olin D. Mason, of the United States Air Force, and Harry A. Snow of Amarillo, Texas, former RAF pilot now in the U.S. Air Reserve, were to get \$30,000 each, the FBI said, for flying two big bombers to Nicaragua, taking part in a proposed bombing mission and returning to the United States through Texas.

Interned

Actually they had got as far as Puerto Cabezas where the Nicaraguan authorities interned the planes and crews and arrested 27 alleged Venezuelan revolutionaries who made the flight from Georgia.

The FBI said that Edward Browder, 31, of Amarillo, former RAF transport pilot who was recruited into the group of six, did not go to South America. Snow and Mason were pilots of the two planes and Charles J. Pavlicek, of New York, inactive captain of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, was the copilot of one of them, and Kenneth Newcomer and Henry Baker, both of Augustin, Georgia, flew as mechanics.—United Press.

W.H.O. Comes Into Being

Geneva, Feb. 7.
The World Health Organisation came into formal existence today when Dr. Andrija Stampar, Yugoslav Chairman, announced at its final meeting as an interim body that the Organisation's charter had been ratified by 29 United Nations countries—three over the requisite number.

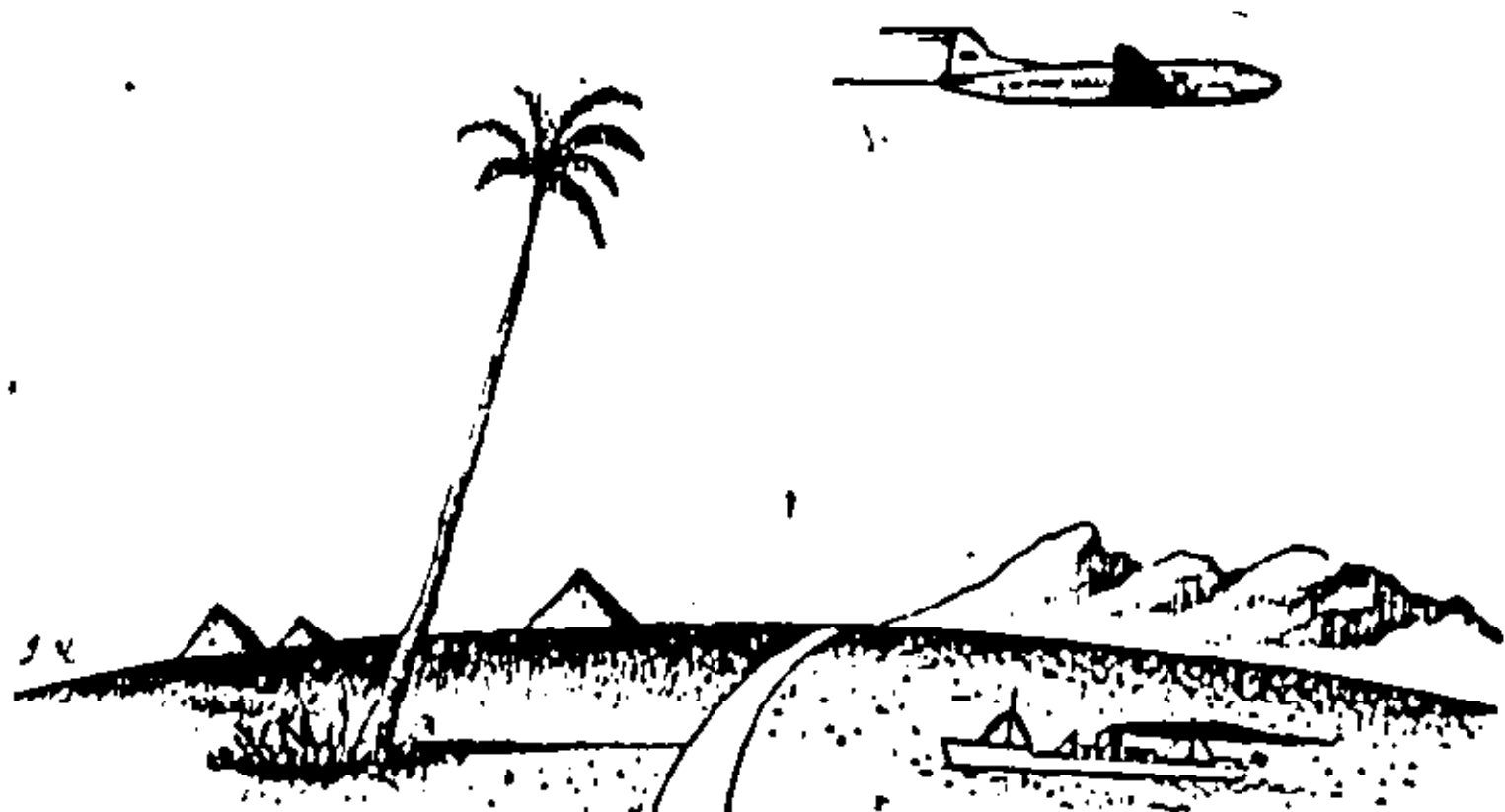
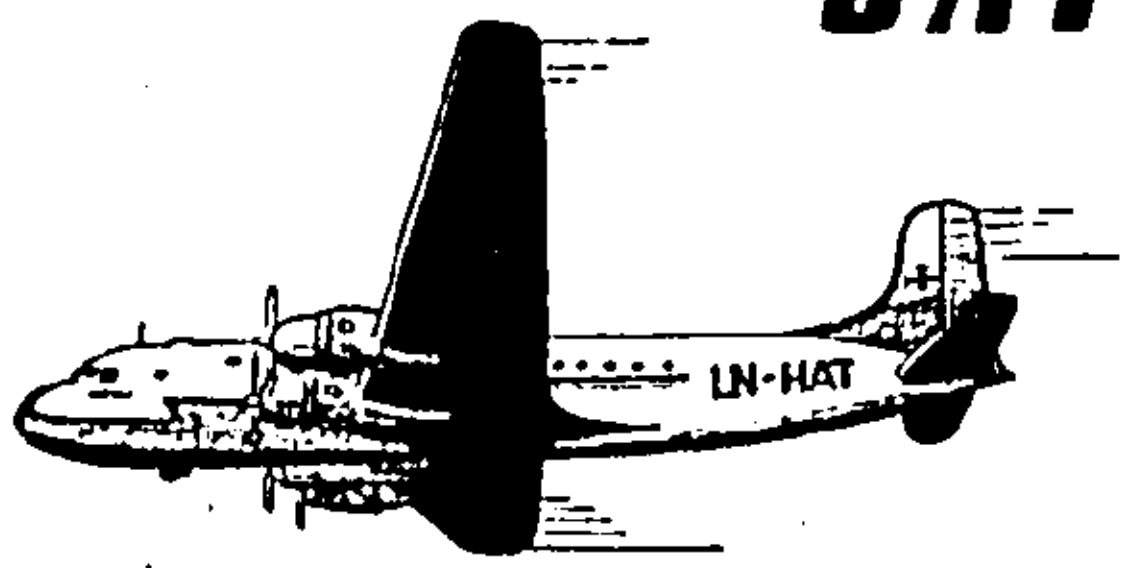
The first World Health Assembly is to open here on June 24. During its fortnight session, the interim commission voted a \$8,000,000 budget for 1949, providing for:—

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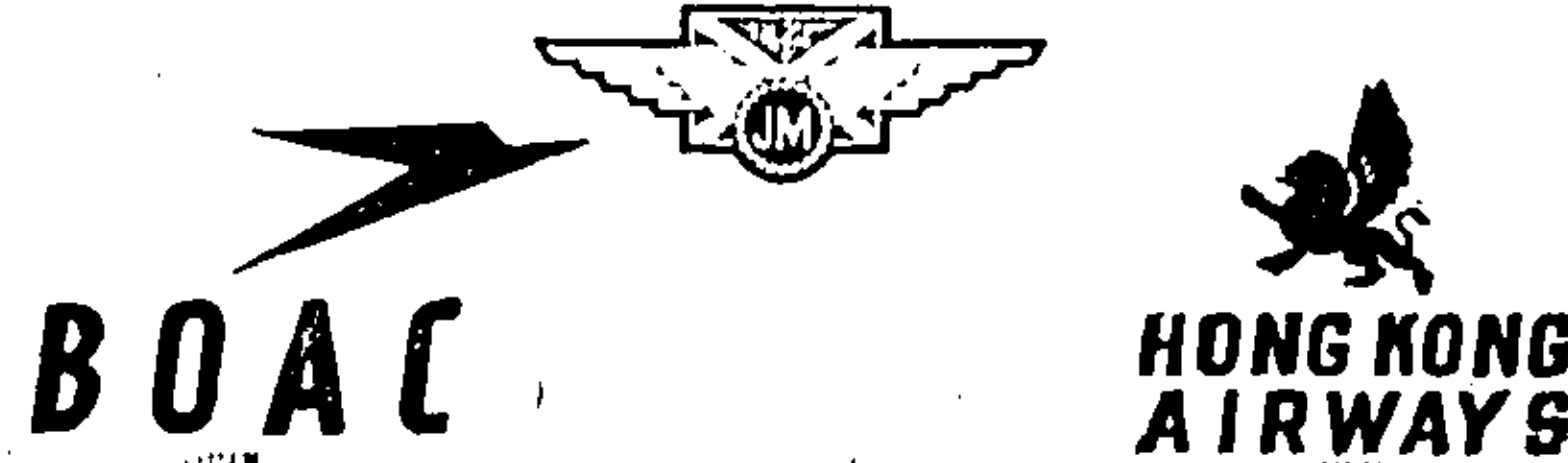
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RUSSO-AMERICAN TUG O' WAR

Complications Too Well Timed To Be Just Pure coincidence

Important Meeting Of Arab League

London, Feb. 7.

The broad strategic implications of the Russo-American tug of war seem to be taking an increasingly important place in Soviet calculations. Russia is accusing the United States of attempting to make the Mediterranean an American lake, of plotting the domination of Western Europe through the Marshall Plan, and now of converting Persia into a spring-board for aggression against the Soviet Union.

The threat of impending complications in Persia, at a moment when the transfer of administrative power in Palestine is likely to mark a period of unsettlement throughout the whole the Arab Middle East, looks too well timed to be merely coincidental.

The meeting in Cairo this weekend of the Arab League assumes unusual importance against this background. The countries of the Arab League will face collectively the problems which are being set them by the intensification of power politics throughout the world between Washington and Moscow.

Their conclusions are certain to have an important bearing on Britain's declared policy of bringing her understanding with the Arab states up-to-date in the light of the changed post-war situation.

If they decide that isolationism is the best means of avoiding being drawn into the vortex of great power rivalries, then the chances of a coherent pattern of Anglo-Arab agreements, emerging in the near future, will recede.

If, on the other hand, the Arab League leaders conclude that the great power struggle, across whose path their territory lies, cannot by the nature of things respect Arab isolationism, then the tone of the latest Soviet note to Persia may convince them that some co-ordinated policy with the outside world is becoming increasingly the only hope of a peaceful and constructive development.

The text of the joint Anglo-French draft for an alliance with the Benelux countries is not yet published in London. It is certain that the terms of its mutual aid provisions will be closely studied before they decide whether to accept or reject it.

Close Alliance

They are aware from their own experience how closely linked the economic, political and security aspects of any association, even a customs union, is nowadays.

The Anglo-French treaty of Dunkirk is directed specifically against a German renewal of aggression.

In these uncertain times, there are indications that the Benelux powers would like to see any alliance more widely framed in its security clauses.

Significantly, Russia also appears to be modifying the wording of the corresponding clauses in her treaties of alliance and mutual aid with the satellite countries in her sphere of influence.

The treaty just signed with Rumania, in its reference to German aggression, is cast so wide that it could be held to cover many kinds of military action, not necessarily against Germany.

Security preoccupations have led Sweden to head a Scandinavian vian retreat from any Western European association commitments, apparently on the mistaken assumption that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had issued an invitation at large to join a Western bloc.

Moscow Canard

Moscow Radio puts its own interpretation on the affair by asserting that the United States and Britain have entered into a secret alliance with the Scandinavian countries aimed at the Soviet Union.

This story, officially dismissed as without any foundation, suggests that Moscow is anxious to put maximum pressure on the Scandinavian powers on the eve of the meeting in Stockholm of the Scandinavian Prime Ministers.

The move may also be not unconnected with the Russian policy in Finland, where the recent change of Soviet Ambassadors, the decision of the Finnish Communist Party to join the Cominform, and the preparations for the coming elections, all point to a fresh Soviet effort to bring Finland more into line with the other countries inside the Soviet sphere and wear her away from any excessive contact with the Western world.

—Reuter.

Moscow Makes It All Clear!

London, Feb. 7.

A Moscow Radio commentator, Vladimir Linetsky, said tonight: "The candidates to membership of the projected West European Federation are divided by deep contradictions on such central European problems as the German problem.

First and foremost, there is no unity between the chief organisers of the Western bloc—Britain and France.

"There was deep dissatisfaction in Britain over the devaluation of the franc which constitutes a new threat to the pound sterling and the whole system of Britain's foreign trade.

"Neither is there any unity among the first countries to be invited to join the bloc—Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The age-old struggle between Antwerp and Rotterdam does not cease.

"The Netherlands considers itself insulted, because Brussels pays only half the official value of the franc. Belgian brewers fear competition of Dutch beer, while Luxembourg industrialists fear the competition of Dutch artisans.

"Belgium and The Netherlands are dissatisfied because Anglo-American export goods are being directed towards Western Germany via Hamburg and not Antwerp or Rotterdam.

"Britain, on her part, does not favour the customs union recently proposed by France to the Benelux countries."—Reuter.



The French Finance Minister, Rene Mayer, smokes a pipe as he holds a press conference in the Louvre Palace in Paris on Jan. 25, to announce the devaluation of the franc.—(AP Photo).

Damaged Plane Gets Home Safely

Bunnell, Feb. 7.

An Eastern Airlines "Constellation" plane with more than 60 persons on board was reported on fire over the Atlantic today and about to attempt an emergency landing at sea. Later, the damaged plane flew in to safety with one of its crew dead.

The dead man was flight attendant Gilbert Paul Foltz, killed when an engine disintegrated and a piece struck him.

Fire was reported to have followed the engine failure and several passengers were injured by jumping from the plane after the landing.

The first report of the plane's distress caused a major alert and a widespread rescue effort. Planes, blimps and surface craft were quickly knit into a rescue force that began to converge on the area where the plane was expected to come down.

Coast Guard officers called them off when the craft landed safely ashore.—Associated Press.

Another Crash

Jasper, Ark., Feb. 7.
Five men of the United States

Army Air Force were killed when a Mitchell bomber, flying from Dayton, Ohio, to Little Rock, Arkansas, struck the side of a mountain near here and burst into flames.—Reuter.

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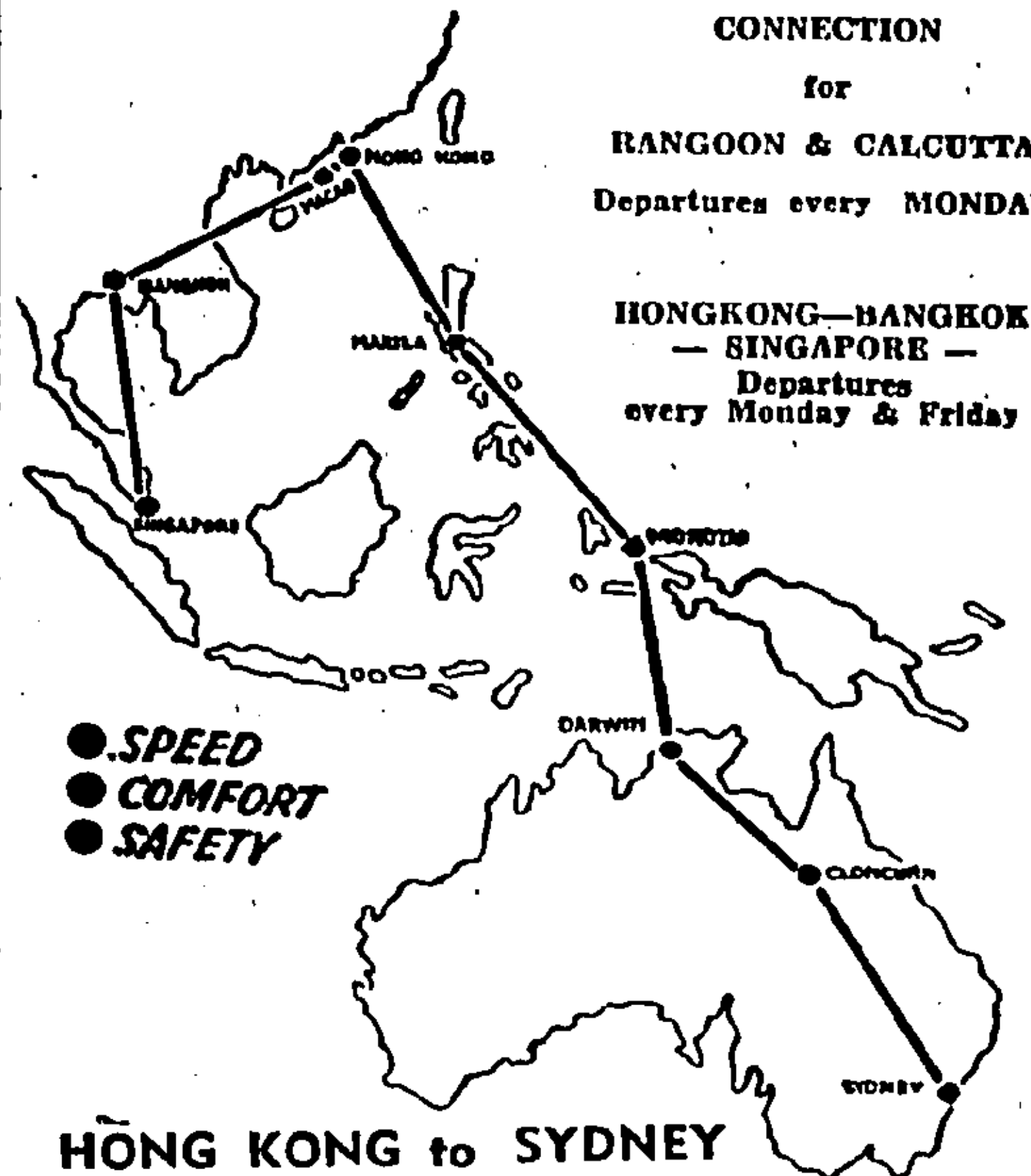
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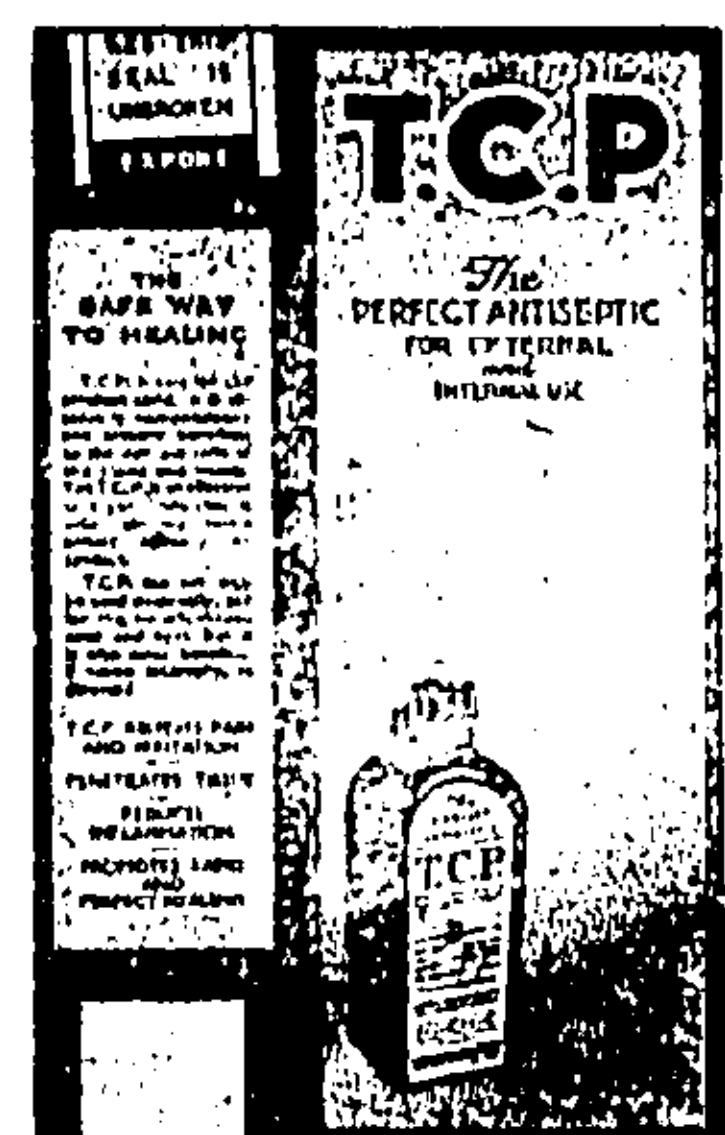
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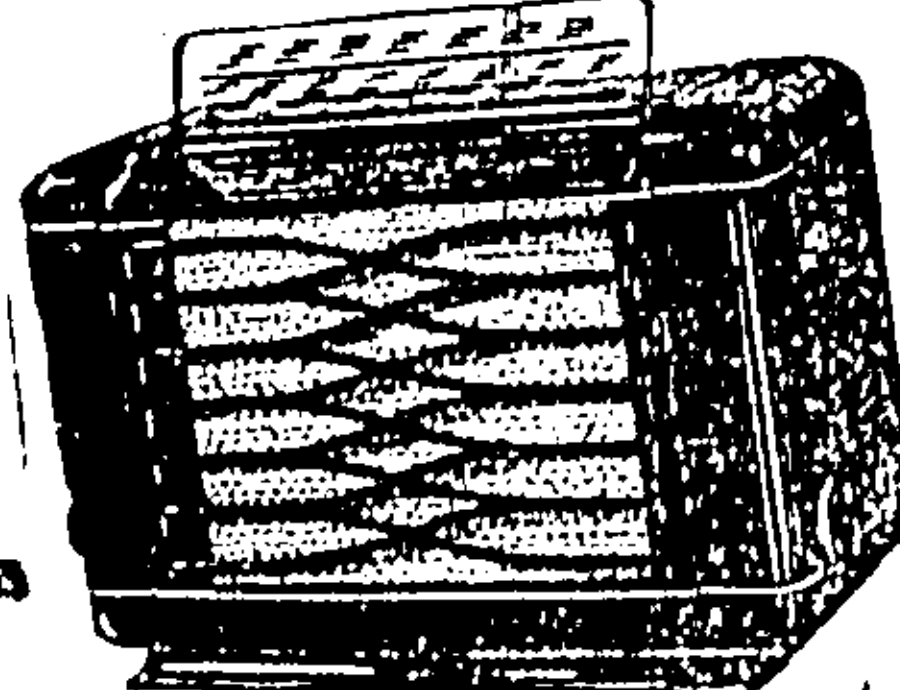


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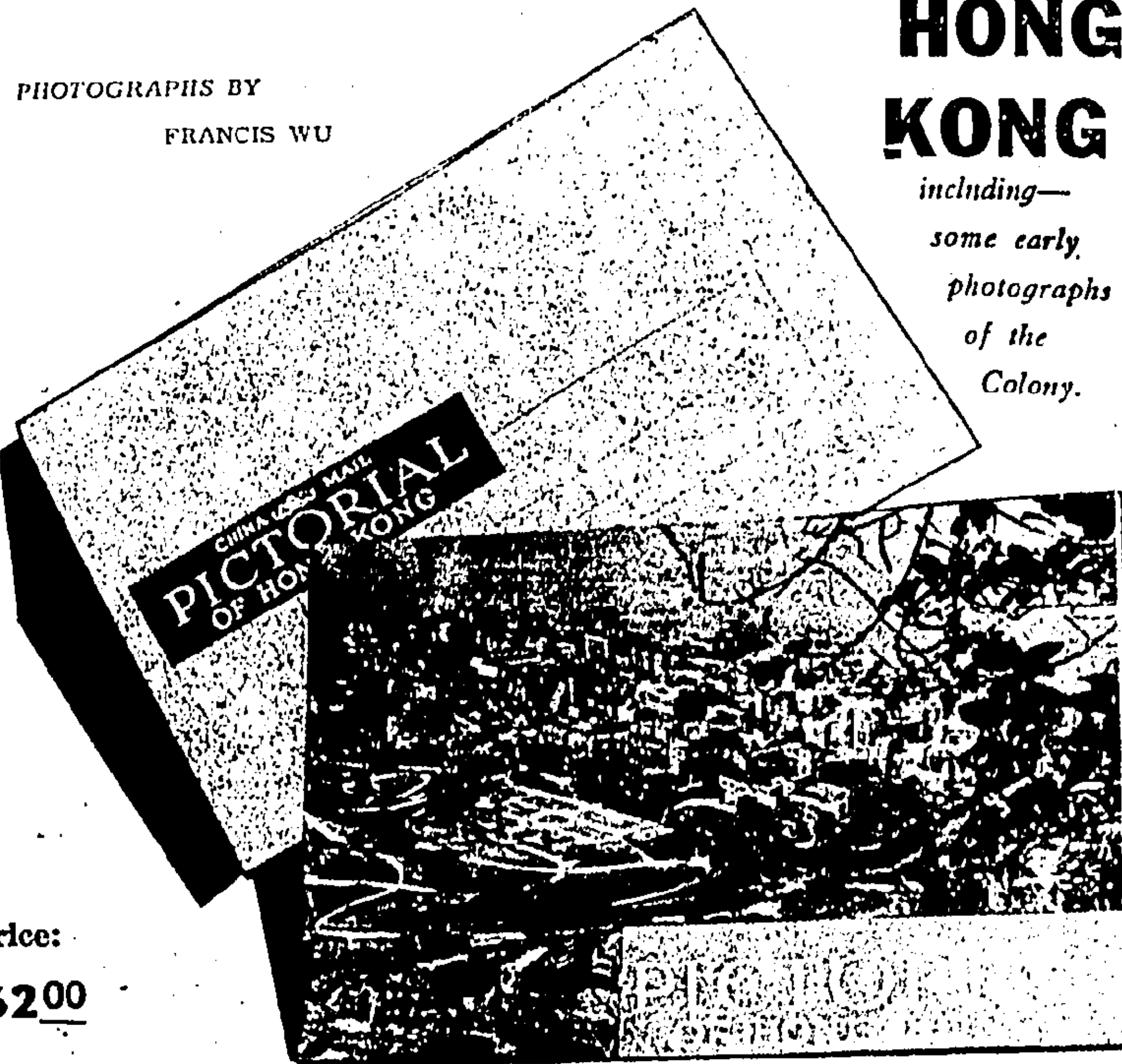
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UKRAINE REVOLT RUMOURS SAID TO BE "TRUE" SAKHALIN A "SIBERIA" FOR INSURGENTS

(By Robert A. Hurton)

Shanghai, Feb. 7.

A well informed diplomatic source said here today that rumours of a large scale Ukrainian revolt reach China—which Dr. Chen Li-fu twice denied reporting to newsmen—are quite true and that the Russians are using Sakhalin island off the coast of Siberia as a "Siberia" for Ukrainian insurgent elements.

This source charged that the Russian ship "Dvina," which received world-wide publicity early in January when it nearly sank off the Japanese coast, was carrying 750 Ukrainian prisoners to Sakhalin. He said that they had been brought across Russia from the Ukraine and were being sent by ship from Vladivostok to Sakhalin.

This, he claimed, was the reason why American assistance offered to the ship was refused, despite the fact that the ship was in danger of sinking with a loss of all on board.

The diplomatic source said that a White Russian sailor on a Scandinavian ship which recently took cargo from Shanghai to Sakhalin reported seeing and talking to Ukrainian slave labourers in Sakhalin. They were in chains and unloaded his ship.

The sailor is reported to have asked as many of them as possible where they came from. Each one answered in a whisper "Ukraine." He could not get any more information from them because of the close watch kept by Russian soldiers, he said.

In Chains

The sailor told this source that he could not sleep on the ship at night because of the grim, rhythmic sound the chains of the labourers made as they dragged sleepily over the deck with each step they took.

This source said that revolutionary trouble in the Ukraine probably started 10 months to a year ago when the brother of Stalin's third wife, Lazar Kaganovich, was sent to the Ukraine on a special mission for Stalin. This mission, the source said, was to quell Ukrainian revolutionary movements.

Kaganovich is one of Stalin's most trusted intimates, he said, and has been commissar of communications in Russia.

The rebel idea that Kaganovich

left Moscow to handle had a postwar resurgence, the source said, when Russia took over Eastern Poland where Ukrainian rebel elements had fled when the Soviets took over the Ukraine after the Russian Revolution. Eastern Poland had a Ukrainian population of 4,000,000 people.

After World War II, he said, the rebel elements made their way back to the Ukraine to carry on a full-scale revolution since there was no longer any place for them to flee for free.

Reign Of Terror

To meet this, Kaganovich has instituted a reign-of-terror policy to stamp out all traces of unrest in the Ukraine and in eastern Poland, this source said. He is shipping all questionable people to Sakhalin Island.

"And we know what is happening to them there from what the White Russian sailor said and from reports of reaching Shanghai from Chinese agents evacuated from the island. They reported that it was a slave labour mill."

Meanwhile, as part of the same movement to suppress Ukrainian revolutionary movements, source said, all Greek Catholic Church bishops in eastern Poland have been jailed. The Greek Catholic Church is the official faith of the Ukrainians although it was forbidden in the Ukraine in favour of the Russian Orthodox church, he said.

In Eastern Poland, he said, all Greek Catholic priests who refused to change their faith to Russian Orthodoxy have been

"GANDHI" STAMPS

New Delhi, Feb. 7. The Indian Postal Department has decided to issue special stamps in memory of Mahatma Gandhi. The stamps, which will be of 2½ and 12 Annas denomination, will be available next month.—Reuter.

Drugs On British Steamer

Washington, Feb. 7. The United States Secret Service made its biggest drug smuggling haul in the past 10 months with the discovery of 55 lbs. of opium on board a British steamer in New York harbor.

The raid was made toward the end of the past year, the Treasury Department said. The vessel, whose name they would not reveal, had come from India by way of the Mediterranean, and several Chinese members of its crew were arrested.

This incident was the highlight in a report which showed that both drug smuggling and counterfeiting of American currency had increased during the past year.—Reuter.

"Ike" To Write His Memoirs

Washington, Feb. 7. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who steps down today as U.S. Army Chief of Staff, will forego a fishing vacation to begin work immediately on his memoirs.

He told a news conference at the Pentagon Building that he wanted to "provide some security for my family." The General said he hopes to get well started on his memoirs before he reports to Columbia University, where he will become president on June 7.

Eisenhower left these parting recommendations:—
1. More pay for soldiers in Korea and the remote islands of the Pacific to bolster a dangerous drop in recruiting. The Army now is 100,000 below its authorized strength and dropping steadily.

2. Congress should pass legislation to continue the Women's Army Corps, which goes out of existence by June 30. He said the Army would face a critical situation if it had to replace overseas WACs with soldiers.

3. Higher pay for Army officers, particularly in the grades from second lieutenant through colonel.

Regarding his memoirs, Eisenhower said "I hope I can write something my conscience will tell me is fit to come out. Otherwise it won't be published."—United Press.

U.S. Press Comment On Chinese Criticisms

New York, Feb. 7.

The "N.Y. Herald-Tribune," in an editorial today, noted the bitter attacks on American policy in Japan by the Chinese Press, pointing out that "even the most respected newspapers such as the 'Ta Kung Pao' joined in firing these broadcasts.... that the American programme for Japanese economic recovery.... would make other Asiatic countries mere suppliers of raw materials for Japanese factories."

"Caution must be used in re-evaluating Japan.... but it is out of the question to maintain Japan as an Asiatic poorhouse.... There is no hope in building democracy in Japan unless the people of the country have work, food and

clothing in sufficient amounts to make life satisfactory.... Economic stability in Japan is essential to the welfare of both China and the United States."

The "San Francisco Chronicle," in an editorial, says that "there are substantial reasons why Americans should get news from Japan fast and straight. The success of our occupation policies in Japan is as important in that theatre as our German occupation policies in Europe."

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Ban On Journalist

Gen. MacArthur, therefore, appears to tread on dangerous ground when he excludes Commission Pakenham, correspondent for "Newsweek," from the privilege of covering Japan news for the declared reason that Pakenham was associated with Japanese of deep-rooted feudalistic and militaristic tendencies.

The editorial said if MacArthur had information that Pakenham was convicted with Japanese toward ends contrary to the interests of the United States and not just performing his job as news-gatherer, he should file charges because as the Tokyo Correspondents Club points out "such a policy would confer upon public officials the right to select those who may write about them—turning correspondents into press agents."—United Press.

Helicopter "Refuels" Wolf Rock Lighthouse

Penzance, Feb. 7.

This morning's successful venture to "refuel" Wolf Rock lighthouse with food and other supplies is believed to be the first time that a helicopter has succeeded in landing supplies on a lighthouse.

Despite the weather, which had prevented relief by ship or rocket line, Captain Britov delivered the goods. The plane hovered over the lighthouse and the supplies were lowered on a 100-ft. wire cable to the lighthouse crew of three.

Among the hundreds of people who watched the helicopter's progress from land was a girl named Edna Davey, the 19-year-old sweetheart of Stanley MacClure, acting head-keeper of Wolf Rock.

They planned to announce their engagement when he was relieved, for he and his two comrades were due to be relieved. They had been reduced to iron rations, and it was estimated they exhausted their supplies yesterday.

Radio communication between the lighthouse and the mainland has been broken for nearly a fortnight.

Fastnet

Meanwhile, at Fastnet Rock lighthouse, off the coast of Cork, high seas and a southwesterly gale prevent any attempt to re-

Food Shortage For Two Years

Washington, Feb. 7. Sir John Boyd Orr, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, said today the world would remain short of food for at least another two years. "After that, it is probable that a sub-acute shortage will persist for a considerable period."—Reuter.



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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Commons To Be Asked To
Approve Measure Again
Another Challenge

(From Fraser Wighton, Reuters Political Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 7.

The Government on Monday will adopt the unusual procedure of asking the House of Commons to approve again the measure that has already become law.

This is the violent, controversial National Health Service Act which brings the national provision into Britain's great new social security scheme and against which a large proportion of British doctors are threatening to quit.

The Social Security (National Health Service) Bill, introduced on the 10th of January, has been amended to give the Government the power to make the necessary changes in the Bill to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the National Health Service, which was set up in December 1946.

The new Bill, which is now being introduced, is a revised version of the original Bill, which was introduced in January 1947. It contains a number of amendments which are designed to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry.

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Spanish
Assets
UnfrozenMadrid, Feb. 7.
The Madrid Government today declared a decree which has frozen the assets of 21 countries, including China, Manchuria and Thailand. The decree states that the assets of these countries are to be frozen in order to prevent them from being used to finance the Spanish Government's war effort.

United Press.

Britain Must Act
On Sound Lines

Edinburgh, Feb. 7.

Britain must agree as a nation of democrats to act along sound lines for economic recovery or be forced into the methods of totalitarian control, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer and economic planner-in-chief, declared tonight at a Labour Party meeting.

If democracy is to survive in this country, the government must conform to the reasonable wishes of the majority and we must all subordinate our own interests to those of the nation. Otherwise, someone will be called upon to force us to comply as the only alternative to disaster," he said.

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Danger To
Peace Of
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Washington, Feb. 7.

The failure of the United Nations to reach a decision on the issue of the Chinese Civil War is a danger to the peace of the world, according to a statement issued by the United Nations Secretariat.

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Nanking, Feb. 7.

The Chinese Government tonight denied a report that it had imposed a ban on the export of certain types of goods.

The report, which was first made public in the United States, stated that the Chinese Government had imposed a ban on the export of certain types of goods.

The Chinese Government, however, denied the report, stating that it had not imposed such a ban.

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ARRIVALS FROM

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"SHANSHI"	Australia via Manila	23rd Feb.
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Arrivals From:

Poole via Bangkok	Feb. 11, BOAC (Capt. Kyle), 2 p.m.
Singapore	Feb. 9, BOAC (Capt. Burman), 4 p.m.
Manila	Feb. 10, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.
Feb. 10, Philippine Air Lines	10 a.m.
Shanghai	Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.
Feb. 11, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.	
Feb. 13, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.	
Feb. 15, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.	

Canton	H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 10.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.
San Francisco	(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)
Feb. 11, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.	
Feb. 14, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.	
San Francisco	(Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)
Feb. 12, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.	
Feb. 19, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.	

Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok	Feb. 11, BOAC (Capt. Field), 8 a.m.
Singapore via Bangkok	Feb. 9, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
Singapore	Feb. 9, BOAC (Capt. Horn), 7.30 a.m.
Manila	Feb. 9, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.
Feb. 11, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.	
Feb. 11, Philippine Air Lines, 1 p.m.	
Feb. 14, Philippine Air Lines, 1 p.m.	
Shanghai	Daily, CNAC, 11.30 a.m.
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Feb. 13, Pan-American, 10 a.m.	
Feb. 20, Pan-American, 10 a.m.	
Saloon	Feb. 8, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

Pacific Coast Gales

A Victory-type freighter, Colorado, was driven aground early today in Coos Bay on the Oregon coast, by gale winds and heavy seas that have claimed the lives of five seamen off the Pacific northwest since yesterday.

The lives of six other seamen are imperilled aboard a sinking fishing vessel and two other fishing boats are in distress. The Colorado, en route to the port of Coos Bay, the Coast Guard cutter, Bonham, went to the aid of the freighter, which had from 30 to 40 men aboard. Two tugs have arrived at the scene and are trying to pull her free. The vessel is not in serious danger.—Associated Press.

MONOPOLY LAW FEARS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Feb. 8. Fear that the Japanese monopoly law will discourage foreign investments was voiced today by Government officials connected with the Finance Ministry as the first 267 Japanese firms affected by the new economic deconcentration law were made public.

Under the law, they must submit plans for reorganization to the Japanese Holding Company Liquidation Commission subject to final SCAP review.—United Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, Feb. 8. "Mission Santa Anna" left for Yokohama. "War Bonnet" arrived Friday from Shanghai. "Great Republic" sailed Friday for Yokohama.

Seattle, Feb. 8. "Granville S. Hall" and "Cagair Rambler" arrived from Yokohama.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 8. "Roberts Miller" sailed for Yokohama.—Associated Press.

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Pacific Transport (Jardine)

Philippine Transport (Jardine)

Butland Victory (A.P.L.)

Willie Victory (A.P.L.)

English Prince (Jardine)

New Zealand Victory (Jardine)

Louis Moll. Howe (A.P.L.)

Pres. Monroe (A.P.L.)

Scott E. Land (A.P.L.)

Marine Snapper (A.P.L.)

SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN

Hunan (D. & S.)

Teslerberg (J.C.P.L.)

Mulenkirk (J.C.P.L.)

Glenartney (Jardine)

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Rupe (J.C.P.L.)

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Kwei Yang (D. & S.)

Pronto (Everett)

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Hong Kong (Jardine)

Stenoar Wellington (Jardine)

Wing Sang (Jardine)

Gertrude Mwenk (New York)

Malacca (Europe)

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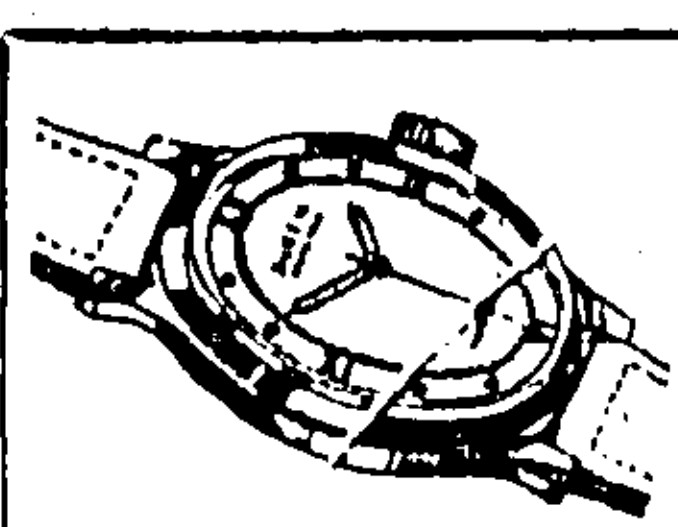
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CRAMER FAILS TO STOP "MURDERER'S ROW"

St. Joseph's Head For Pennant

(By Grandstand)

The Merry Madcaps saw their pennant hopes fade as they withered before the slugging assault of the famed Saints' "murderer's row" 4-1, the timely and telling blows being sparked by Dave "El Bambino" Leonard's homer, the first round-tripper to be batted clean out of the recently fenced-up park. It was a humiliating day for Madcap hurler Dale Cramer as his recent feats had fans flocking out to witness a repeat performance.

In the lead-off, an inspired left-hander gave the Aves some nervous moments as they held the lead for six full innings before the southpaw was knocked out in the seventh. In the extra inning, Cramer came through with a sizzling three-bagger and romped home stand-up on Cley Gorters' fly to deep center, to break on the ball game in the eighth.

In the other corner, long tosses by the Aves' pitcher, a one-hitter for the Red Sox, kept them from swamping the Madcaps. The Canadians overhauled the Aves in the same score, but the Aves' pitcher, a one-hitter for the Red Sox, kept them from swamping the Madcaps.

A Clutch Hit
The Aves' pitcher, a one-hitter for the Red Sox, kept them from swamping the Madcaps.

Twin Killing
Rennie singled, but Sid Holland grounded out and Rennie was forced out at second, in a brilliant twin-killing. Dale Cramer revived the spark as a reliever, but the Aves' pitcher, a one-hitter for the Red Sox, kept them from swamping the Madcaps.

Cramer Injured
The Madcaps were undaunted as they started the sixth, but Sid Holland popped out to Brown. Dale Cramer was next and out at Brown's offering for a hit to short center, but as he was getting started to throw, he was hit in the head by a line drive from the Aves' pitcher, a one-hitter for the Red Sox, kept them from swamping the Madcaps.

Team Standings
Team standings were: Sweden, 70; United States 73 1/2; Switzerland, 73; Norway, 69 1/2; Austria, 51; Finland, 49; France, 39; Italy, 25; Belgium, 18; Canada, 14 1/2; Britain, 13; Hungary, 10; Holland, 6; Czechoslovakia, 5.

Men's 500m
In the hockey competition, the United States Amateur Hockey Association defeated Britain 4-3 in the tournament which the International Olympic Committee announced would be recognized as an official Olympic meet for all but the American entry.

Men's 100m
Switzerland's hockey team suffered its first defeat in seven starts and was knocked out of first place in the hockey event when it was beaten by Czechoslovakia 7-1. Sweden trounced Italy 23-0.

Men's 200m
Canada went into a tie for first place with Czechoslovakia by defeating Austria 12-0. Switzerland is third and the United States fourth—United Press.

Men's 400m
The United States and Norway shared honours today as the Winter Olympics neared their close. The Americans captured their third gold medal with a bobsled victory, climaxing the best showing America has ever made in the winter games.

Men's 800m
Peter Rugsted, of Norway, won the ski-jumping championships and Belgium's world champion ice artists, Michaeline Lannoy and Pierre Baugniet, won the pairs figure skating. All competition but the hockey playoff ended today.

HOME SOCCER LEAGUE TABLES

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Derby	27	10	11	6	36	30	31
Manchester U.	27	10	11	6	36	30	31
Wolves	27	10	6	11	36	30	31
Birmingham	26	10	6	10	36	30	31
Blackburn	26	10	6	10	36	30	31
Cardiff	27	10	6	11	36	30	31
Charlton	27	12	2	13	40	26	26
Manchester C.	27	9	8	11	41	26	26
Everton	26	10	5	11	39	25	25
Liverpool	29	8	13	8	42	24	24
Huddersfield	27	8	11	8	40	24	24
Sunderland	28	8	7	13	40	24	24
Stockport	28	7	13	8	40	24	24
Bolton	29	10	6	13	47	23	23
Bradford	26	9	4	13	37	23	23
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